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(*h*) whether the hon. Minister will consider the desirability of completely closing areas for the tapping of toddy if within a radius of twenty miles sweet juice is permitted ; and

(*i*) the number of trees tapped for during the last five years in Cuddapah district and the amount of rentals collected during that period ?

A.—(*a*) & (*d*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The drawing of sweet toddy was not prohibited at any time in the Cuddapah district.

(*e*) & (*f*) The Government are not aware that the facts are as suggested. Enquiries will be made if specific instances are brought to the notice of the Government.

(*g*) The Preventive staff of the Madras Excise Department.

(*h*) The Government know of no reason why such drastic action should be taken.

(*i*)—

1922–23	31,752 trees.
1923–24	35,261 ,,
1924–25	35,503 ,,
1925–26	35,156 ,,
1926–27	36,489 ,,

Particulars of the revenue under toddy in each district are contained in the Annual Excise Administration reports which are available to the public.

Fisheries

Issue of salt for fish-curing purposes in fish-curing yards.

1447 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : With reference to the answer to my question No. 875 answered on 22nd October 1927, will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether the Government have come to any decision regarding the proposal to reduce the rate at which salt is issued for fish-curing purposes in fish-curing yards and, if so, what it is ?

A.—The question is still under consideration.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Civil Justice

Appointment of Oriyas in the Civil Courts of Ganjam district.

* 1448 *Q.*—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total strength of (1) the regular establishment, including copyists and (2) the number of amins separately, in each of the Civil Courts of Ganjam district ;

(*b*) the number of Oriyas in each of the two sections separately in each Court ;

(*c*) the number of clerks who can read and write Oriya documents ;

(*d*) the number of Oriya clerks who are in the superior subordinate service, i.e., from Rs. 60 and Rs. 80 upwards respectively ;